1 2 3 4 5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE 6 7 PATRICIA A. GRANT, Case No. C12-1045RSL 8 Plaintiff, 9 v. ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR CLAUDIO GABRIEL ALPEROVICH, et 10 RECONSIDERATION AND al.. MOTION FOR RELIEF UNDER 11 Defendants. RULE 60 12 This matter comes before the Court on "Plaintiff's Rule 7(h) Motion on Partial 13 Summary Judgment for Defendant Michael K. Hori and Valley Medical Center" (Dkt. # 14 176) and "Plaintiff's Rule 60 Motion Partial Summary Judgment for Defendant Michael 15 K. Hori" (Dkt. # 177). On December 10, 2013, the Court granted in part Defendant 16 Michael Hori's motion for summary judgment, dismissing Plaintiff's claims against Dr. 17 Hori arising under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, 42 U.S.C. § 1985, the ADA, the Age 18 Discrimination Act of 1975, and HIPAA. Dkt. # 149 at 10. On January 3, 2014, the 19 Court granted Plaintiff's motion for a 20-day continuance of the deadline for filing a 20 motion for reconsideration. Dkt. # 168. Plaintiff has timely filed a motion for 21 reconsideration of the Court's prior order, dkt. # 176, and a motion for relief from 22 judgment under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Rule 60"), dkt. # 177. 23 Having reviewed Plaintiff's memoranda and supporting declarations, the Court 24 finds as follows: 25

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A. Motion for Reconsideration

Motions for reconsideration are disfavored and will be granted only upon a "showing of manifest error in the prior ruling" or "new facts or legal authority which could not have been brought to [the Court's] attention earlier with reasonable diligence." LCR 7(h)(1). Plaintiff has not met this burden. Instead, Plaintiff presents the same arguments that the Court previously considered when it granted in part Dr. Hori's motion for summary judgment. Plaintiff has not shown manifest error or the existence of new facts or legal authority. The motion for reconsideration (Dkt. # 176) is, therefore, DENIED.

B. Rule 60 motion for relief

Plaintiff seeks relief under Rule 60(a), dkt. # 177 at 1, which allows the Court, on its own initiative or on a motion, to correct a clerical mistake in a judgment, order, or other part of the record. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a). The Court may make a correction under Rule 60(a) so long as the change is consistent with the Court's original intent. Harman v. Harper, 7 F.3d 1455, 1457 (9th Cir. 1993). Thus, "Rule 60(a)... is limited to correcting errors arising from oversight or omission and cannot be used to correct more substantial errors, such as errors of law." Waggoner v. R. McGray, Inc., 743 F.2d 643, 644 (9th Cir. 1984). Plaintiff has not identified any clerical mistakes in the Court's prior order. Rather, Plaintiff disputes the Court's substantive rulings which cannot be corrected using Rule 60(a). Therefore, her request for relief under Rule 60(a) is DENIED.

Plaintiff also seeks relief under Rule 60(b)(1), (2), and (3). Dkt. # 177 at 1. Rule 60(b) provides that the Court may, following a motion and on just terms, relieve a party from a final judgment, order or proceeding based on, among other reasons, mistake or excusable neglect (Rule 60(b)(1)), newly discovered evidence (Rule 60(b)(2)), or fraud or misconduct by an opposing party (Rule 60(b)(3)).

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The Court's review of Plaintiff's motion and the record in this case provides no support for relief under Rule 60(b)(1), (2), or (3). First, Plaintiff has not suggested that the Court's order was due to excusable neglect or mistake as required for relief under Rule 60(b)(1). Like her motion for reconsideration under Local Civil Rule 7(h), Plaintiff's motion for relief under Rule 60(b) presents the same arguments and concerns raised in her opposition to Dr. Hori's motion for summary judgment.

Plaintiff's request for relief under Rule 60(b)(2) is equally unavailing. Although Plaintiff has provided additional declarations with exhibits attached, dkt. # 173; dkt. # 178, there is no indication that this evidence, with reasonable diligence, could not have been discovered and presented to the Court earlier. Even if Plaintiff had presented this evidence in a timely manner, it would not alter the Court's earlier decision as it does not raise a genuine issue of material fact sufficient to preclude summary dismissal of her claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, 42 U.S.C. § 1985, the ADA, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and HIPAA.

Finally, Plaintiff has not shown that Dr. Hori engaged in misconduct or made misrepresentations warranting relief under Rule 60(b)(3). Thus, Plaintiff's motion for relief under Rule 60(b) is DENIED.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Court DENIES Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration (Dkt. # 176) and her motion for relief under Rule 60 (Dkt. # 177).

DATED this 23rd day of January, 2014.

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Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge

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